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SUMMARY. USNATO AND USDELMC REPS MET WITH COCHAIRMAN OF JWG ON SUBJECT STUDY (MG TORP) TO DISCUSS US CONTRIBUTION (REFTEL). GEN TORP WAS APPRECIATIVE OF US CONTRIBUTION. HE AGREED WITH SUGGESTION THAT US PREPARE MORE DETAILED ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION ESTIMATING NECESSARY PREPARATION TIMES AND IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC PLANNING GAPS. ACTION REQUESTED BY 25 SEP TO MEET POSSIBLE JWG CONVENING PRIOR TO 1 OCT. END SUMMARY.

1. USNATO REP (WITKO) AND USDELMC REP (HALL) MET WITH THE CO-CHAIRMAN (TORP) OF JOINT WORKING GROUP (JWG) ON STUDY OF USE OF WARNING TIME TO DISCUSS US CONTRIBUTION TO STUDY BASED ON REFTTEL. PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO ASCERTAIN GEN TORP'S REACTION TO US CONTRIBUTION AND TO DETERMINE HIS INTENTIONS FOR CALLING ANOTHER MEETING OF JWG. CONFIDENTIAL

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2. GEN TORP INITIATED DISCUSSION BY REMARKING THAT STUDY CONTINUES TO OPERATE IN THE FACE OF A HEADWIND. HE SAID THAT HIS FEELING WAS THAT A NUMBER OF THE JWG MEMBERS WERE STILL UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE PURPOSES OF THE STUDY. HE OB-

SERVED THAT HE FULLY SUPPORTED US POINT OF VIEW CONCERNING TIME FRAME OF STUDY'S EMPHASIS AND ITS NEED TO CONCENTRATE ON NATIONAL ACTIONS. HE STRESSED HIS PERSONAL CONVICTION THAT STUDY MUST CONTINUE AND SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO FOUNDER. FYI. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT MOST RECENT US CONTRIBUTION TO THIS STUDY (REFTEL), AS COMPREHENSIVE AS IT IS, MAY HAVE PLAYED INTO HANDS OF THOSE (ASYG/HUMPHREYS) WHO DISAPPROVE OF CURRENT DIRECTION OF STUDY AND HAVE PREDICTED THAT ACTIONS WHICH NATIONS WILL OFFER AS EXAMPLES WILL BE EARLIER START OF ACTIONS CONTAINED IN ALERT MEASURES. ADDITIONAL US STEPS NOW PROPOSED ARE DESIGNED TO PRECULDE ANY FURTHER DELAY AND ARE AIMED AT ACHIEVING SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS TO REPORT AT DECEMBER MINISTERIAL. END FYI.

3. GEN TORP OBSERVED THAT US SUBMISSION WAS FULLY IN LINE WITH WHAT HE CONSIDERED TO BE INITIAL STEP OF STUDY PROCESS. HE AGREED WITH US REPS SUGGESTION THAT TO MAINTAIN JWG MOMENTUM, US SHOULD CONSIDER PREPARING SOME ADDITIONAL MATERIAL. HE NOTED THAT IN OUR LETTER TO JWG CO-CHAIRMAN OF 9 JUNE 75 WE PLACED EMPHASIS ON QUOTE TIME CRITICAL MEASURES UNQUOTE WHICH NATIONS COULD TAKE. LIKEWISE IN THAT LETTER WE SPOKE OF GAPS WHICH REQUIRE COORDINATION AND/OR CLARIFICATION.

4. TO MEET THESE POINTS, GEN TORP SUGGESTED THAT US MIGHT WISH TO PREPARE AN ANALYSIS OF MEASURES LISTED IN REFTEL TO IDENTIFY AMOUNTS OF TIME THOUGHT NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH MEASURES OUTLINED. HE STRESSED THAT JWG SHOULD NOT THEN ATTEMPT TO COMPARE THESE PERIODS OF TIME OBTAINED WITH ANY ARTIFICIALLY DERIVED AMOUNTS OF WARNING TIME WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION, HE SUGGESTED THAT AS SECOND STEP, THE US BE PREPARED TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC GAPS IN CONTINGENCY PLANS WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED BY OTHER NATIONS IN PREPARING THEIR OWN RESPONSES.

5. GEN TORP THOUGHT THAT CERTAIN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE
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US OFFERED AN IMPORTANT FIELD FOR ALLIANCE STUDY BECAUSE THEIR NATIONAL PLANS WERE NOT AS WELL UNDERSTOOD AS OTHERS. HE INCLUDED NORWAY AMONG SUCH COUNTRIES BECAUSE, IN HIS OPINION, NORTHERN REGION NATIONAL PLANS WERE NOT AS WELL INTEGRATED WITH SACEUR'S PLANS AS THOSE WITHIN OTHER AREAS.

6. GEN TORP REMARKED THAT RELATIVELY DETAILED FOLLOW-ON SUBMISSION BY THE US WAS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT GAVE NATIONS BEING REINFORCED A WHOLE RANGE OF MEASURES WHICH MUST BE STUDIED SO THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR OWN SUPPORT AND DEFENSE MEASURES CAN GET UNDERWAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ONCE THE US STARTS LOW LEVEL PREPARATIONS TO MOVE.

7. AS TO NEXT MEETING OF JWG, GEN TORP INDICATED THAT HE

WOULD TAKE SOUNDINGS WITH VIEW TO MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, POSSIBLY BEFORE 1 OCTOBER. HE HOPED TO SUGGEST TO NATIONS THAT HAVE NOT ALREADY SUBMITTED THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THEY DO SO IN ADVANCE OF NEXT MEETING.

8. ACTIONS REQUESTED BY 25 SEP 75. (A) REVIEW REFTEL AND PREPARE AN ANALYSIS OF MEASURES RELATIVE TO THE TIME NECESSARY FOR PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION; (B) REQUEST IDENTITY OF SPECIFIC GAPS IN CONTINGENCY PLANNING THAT COULD BE ADDRESSED BY OTHER NATIONS IN THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JWG STUDY. BRUCE

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